

CITY OF BELLEVUE
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Session

March 18, 2002
8:00 p.m.

Council Chambers
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Mayor Marshall, Deputy Mayor Degginger, Councilmembers Creighton, Davidson, Lee, Mosher, and Noble

ABSENT: None.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. by Mayor Marshall, who presided. She noted that Council will return to the Study Session after the Regular Session to continue discussion on one item.

2. Roll Call, Flag Salute

Upon roll call by the City Clerk, all Councilmembers were present. Dr. Davidson led the flag salute.

3. Communications: Written and Oral

- (a) Alexandra Goodman, a young actress from Ivanhoe Performing Arts Theatre, invited Council and the public to the upcoming production of Cinderella at The Theatre at Meydenbauer.
- (b) Renay Bennett updated Council on the activities of Neighborhood Network North.
- (c) Jim Keeffe, a member of the East Bellevue Community Council, urged Mayor Marshall to resign in light of the March 5th action by the state Public Disclosure Commission regarding her use of campaign funds.
- (d) Jim Eder urged all Councilmembers, excluding Mr. Creighton, to resign based on their passage of Ordinances 5307 and 5308 affecting the redevelopment potential of Lake Hills Shopping Center.

4. Reports of Community Councils, Boards and Commissions: None.

5. Report of the City Manager

City Manager Steve Sarkozy noted that the Bellevue Convention Center Authority (BCCA) Board is appointed by the City Manager with the concurrence of City Council. The City is responsible for general management oversight of the Center's finances and works with the BCCA Board to ensure the ongoing operation of Meydenbauer Center. Mr. Sarkozy said the BCCA Board recommends the reappointment of Bob Wallace and Don Prather.

- ➡ Mr. Lee, Council liaison to the BCCA Board, moved to reappoint Bob Wallace and Don Prather to the BCCA Board. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Degginger.
- ➡ The motion to reappoint Bob Wallace and Don Prather to the BCCA Board carried by a vote of 7-0.

Mr. Sarkozy said the City received approximately 20 complaints from residents that their garbage was not picked up on March 8 due to snowfall the previous night. He clarified the City's policy to provide next-day pickup in the event of a holiday. However, in the event of inclement weather it is difficult to guarantee next-day service, particularly when the next day is a weekend. In this case, residents were asked to hold their garbage until the next week's pickup and were allowed to dispose of more trash than normal without paying any additional fee.

Mr. Sarkozy said the Downtown Implementation Plan is currently being reviewed and updated to address long-term traffic and urban design issues. An open house meeting will be held on April 9 at Bellevue Art Museum to provide information and solicit public input.

6. Council Business

Mr. Mosher traveled with fellow Councilmembers to Washington, D.C., to meet with congressional delegates and attend the National League of Cities conference.

Mr. Lee attended the NLC conference and enjoyed the opportunity to meet with key elected officials and their staff. As a member of the NLC Advisory Council, Mr. Lee helped develop the future policy agenda for early childhood success. Mr. Lee discussed an initiative regarding racial justice and suggested that Bellevue take a leadership position among cities in Washington State.

Mr. Lee said the King County Final 2001 Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan includes plans to expand the Factoria Transfer Station. Bellevue approved the project several years ago but King County did not move forward with the expansion. Mr. Lee proposed that the City establish contact with King County Solid Waste to discuss Bellevue's current concerns about the proposed project and alternative sites for the transfer station.

At the request of Mayor Marshall, Parks and Community Services Director Patrick Foran commented on the racial justice initiative mentioned by Mr. Lee. Mr. Foran has reviewed the information and concluded that Bellevue previously participated in a similar community-wide effort that continues to operate. A Cultural Diversity Task Force was appointed by City Council and completed its work in 1993 to explore issues of ethnic and cultural diversity, racial profiling, hate crimes, and similar topics. Mr. Foran will forward copies of this report to Council. One

recommendation of the task force was the development of a cultural diversity program, which was created and continues to operate within the Parks and Community Services Department. Mr. Foran suggested that Council review the City's current program as it deliberates future involvement in the new initiative.

Deputy Mayor Degginger traveled to Washington, D.C., where Councilmembers met with elected officials and federal staff to discuss transportation funding, water supply issues, the effect of the Endangered Species Act on the City's budget, and potential funding for a City park project. Upon his return to Bellevue, Mr. Degginger chaired the Cascade Water Alliance meeting.

Mr. Noble attended the *Best of Bellevue* event at which Deputy City Manager Ed Oberg was honored as best public official.

Mr. Creighton attended meetings of the Downtown Implementation Plan Urban Land Use Subcommittee and Bellevue Downtown Association.

Dr. Davidson attended the NLC conference and took particular interest in a speech by the Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman who reported on the war efforts. Senators Daschle and Feinstein reported on the Senate's agenda, and Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge reported on the agency's activities. Upon his return to Bellevue, Dr. Davidson attended the Cascade Water Alliance meeting.

Mayor Marshall encouraged citizens to consider volunteering to join the National Marrow Donor Program Registry. This takes less than 15 minutes and involves the completion of a form and a simple blood test. Bone marrow transplants help patients diagnosed with leukemia, lymphoma, and other potentially fatal blood diseases. Mrs. Marshall described three local residents – one Japanese-American, one African-American, and one of Korean descent – in need of bone marrow transplants. Since small percentages of registered bone marrow donors fall into these racial groups, Mayor Marshall encouraged people to call Puget Sound Blood Center at 1-800-266-4033 for more information.

7. Approval of the Agenda

➡ Deputy Mayor Degginger moved to approve the agenda, and Mr. Mosher seconded the motion.

➡ The motion to approve the agenda carried by a vote of 7-0.

8. Consent Calendar

Mr. Noble pulled item 8(j) for Council discussion.

➡ Deputy Mayor Degginger moved to approve the Consent Calendar, as amended, and Mr. Mosher seconded the motion.

- ➡ The motion to approve the amended Consent Calendar carried by a vote of 7-0, and the following items were approved:
- (a) Minutes of February 25, 2002 Extended Study Session
Minutes of March 4, 2002 Study Session (As amended in Desk Packet version)
Minutes of March 4, 2002 Regular Session
 - (b) Motion to approve payment of claims for the period ending March 8, 2002, and payroll for the period February 16 through February 28, 2002.
 - (c) Resolution No. 6677 authorizing execution of an interlocal agreement between the cities of Kirkland, Bothell, Bellevue, Lake Forest Park, Medina, and Clyde Hill for the purpose of jointly purchasing public safety software and systems.
 - (d) Resolution No. 6678 authorizing execution of an agreement for Emergency Police Communications Services with the City of Clyde Hill in the amount of \$61,591 for 2002 and adjusted annually over a five-year period based on CPI adjustments.
 - (e) Ordinance No. 5362 authorizing acceptance of a grant award from the National Institute of Justice in the amount of \$649,000 for improvements to the Identification Laboratory; authorizing expenditure of said grant funds; amending the budget of CIP Plan No. PS-40, Identification and Laboratory Safety Improvements; amending CIP Plan No. PS-40 by changing the project name to “Crime Laboratory Improvements” and revising the project description/scope; and authorizing an interfund loan to cover temporary cash flow shortages that may result from related grant activity.
 - (f) Motion to award Bid No. 0213 for the street widening and installation of a new traffic signal at the intersection of NE 8th Street and 116th Avenue NE to Dennis R. Craig Construction in the amount of \$1,100,227.13 as low bidder. (CIP Plan No. PW-I-46, I-405/Bellevue Downtown Access Project)
 - (g) Resolution No. 6679 authorizing execution of an amendment to the consultant agreement with Hamilton/Saunderson in the amount of \$48,475 for a total contract amount of \$78,475 to provide communication consulting services to support Access Downtown.
 - (h) Resolution No. 6680 authorizing execution of an interlocal agreement with the King County Department of Transportation in the amount of \$120,000 for implementation of the Access Downtown Rideshare Program to help reduce automobile trips during construction activities.
 - (i) Resolution No. 6681 authorizing execution of a consultant agreement with Entranco Engineers, Inc., in the amount of \$75,000 to provide planning services for the Bellevue Transit Plan – Capital and Policy Elements to build on the Service Element by identifying additional strategies to improve circulation of transit services.

- (k) Meydenbauer Bridge Replacement
 - (1) Ordinance No. 5363 amending the 2001-2007 CIP Plan by appropriating \$2,548,000 received from the Federal Bridge Replacement Fund.
 - (2) Motion to award Bid No. 0214 for the replacement of Meydenbauer Bridge over Meydenbauer Park on Lake Washington Boulevard to Mowat Construction Co. in the amount of \$2,407,658 as low bidder.
- (l) Motion to take no action on the King County Final 2001 Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan at this time.

Item for Council discussion:

- (j) Resolution No. 6682 authorizing execution of Amendment No. 2 to the consultant agreement with Sverdrup Civil, Inc. to provide professional engineering services for preparing plans, specifications, and estimates for design revisions for CIP Plan No. PW-R-60, NE 29th Connection, in the amount of \$191,831 for a total contract amount of \$1,513,375.

Mr. Noble noted that Resolution No. 6682 deals with an amendment to a consultant agreement for professional engineering services associated with the NE 29th Street/Connection project. He is concerned about these rising costs and potential future cost increases.

Transportation Director Goran Sparrman said he will provide a written response to Council. He acknowledged that this is a large, complex project and that a previous significant cost increase was related to wetland mitigation requirements. Mr. Sparrman said a recent update to modeling information indicates the project will provide a significant benefit to reduce traffic congestion in the Overlake area. Staff does not anticipate further cost increases.

David Berg, Assistant Director for Capital Projects, described staff's work with the community which has resulted in revisions to the project including residents' request for street trees and a vegetation buffer along NE 24th Street. The project team is trying to find adequate space to provide such a buffer within the constraints of wetland requirements.

Mr. Noble said he remains concerned, particularly since projected costs are now \$1.6 million (10%) over budget. Mr. Sparrman said he will provide more information in writing to Council, but he commented that some capital projects have been completed under budget. Staff plans to present recommendations to Council regarding the transfer of these funds to the NE 29th Connection project. Staff will provide an update to Council on March 25 regarding the overall Transportation CIP (Capital Investment Program) budget.

Mayor Marshall noted this is one of the projects discussed with officials in Washington, D.C., as an example of the impact of Endangered Species Act requirements on the City's budget.

- ☛ Mr. Noble moved to approve Resolution No. 6682, and Mr. Creighton seconded the motion.

Mr. Lee appreciates Mr. Noble's concerns about the project's rising costs and looks forward to staff's report.

- ☛ The motion to approve Resolution No. 6682 carried by a vote of 7-0.

Dr. Davidson questioned any provisions for bus pullouts along 140th Avenue during the current construction project. Mayor Marshall requested a staff briefing for Dr. Davidson.

- 9. Public Hearings: None.
- 10. Land Use: None.
- 11. Other Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions: None.
- 12. Unfinished Business: None.
- 13. Continued Oral Communications: None.
- 14. New business: None.
- 15. Executive Session: None.
- 16. Adjournment

At 8:58 p.m., Mayor Marshall declared recess to return to the Study Session.

Myrna L. Basich
City Clerk

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